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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER DEFENDS MAURITIAN STAND AT UNGA ON SA
CREDENTIALS

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1. ON ARRIVAL MAURITIUS OCTOBER 20 FROM OVERSEAS, PRIME MINISTER
RAMGOOLAM MADE REFERENCE AT AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE TO HIGH
HONOR GIVEN HIM IN BEING DECORATED BY FRENCH GOVERNMENT, AND
NOTED INCREASING GOOD RELATIONS WITH FRENCH (SEPTTEL).

2. FOLLOWING OPENING STATEMENT, PRIME MINISTER WAS QUIZZED BY
PRESS ON MOVE TAKEN ON SA CREDENTIALS BY MAURITIAN PERMRES RAMPHUL
AT UNGA (REF. A). PM STRONGLY DEFENDED RAMPHUL, ALTHOUGH
ADMITTING THIS WAS "DELICATE SUBJECT." NOT ONLY, HE SAID, WAS
RAMPHUL ACTING AS OCTOBER LEADER FOR AFRICAN GROUP, BUT MAURITIUS
ITSELF FELT BOUND MAKE KNOWN ITS ABHORRENCE WHAT GOING ON IN
SOUTHERN AFRICA, E.G., CARLTONVILLE; AND PUNITIVE MEASURES UNDER-
TAKEN BY PORTUGUESE IN MOZAMBIQUE.

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3. PRIME MINISTER BECAME, IN FACT, QUITE IMPASSIONED ON SUBJECT,

AND CHIEF OF PROTOCOL BROUGHT QUESTIONING TO EARLY HALT.

COMMENT: MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS RAULT TOLD CHARGE AFTER
PRESS CONFERENCE THAT THIS WHOLE ISSUE LIKELY TO BE
FURTHER -- AND FIERCELY -- DEBATED IN CABINET. RAULT, WHO HAD
BEEN CHIEF OF GOM DELEGATION NEGOTIATING TEA AGREEMENT IN PRETORIA,
SAID THAT IT HAD BEEN STRICTLY A SOUTH AFRICAN POLITICAL DECISION
TO GRANT MAURITIANS MORE FAVORABLE PRICE ON TEA. HE EXPECTS NOW
THAT SOUTH AFRICA MAY ENFORCE CERTAIN ECONOMIC RESTRICTIONS ON
MAURITIUS. RAULT PLAINLY DID NOT SHARE OPINION VOICED AT PRESS
SESSION BY DR. RAM THAT "POLITICAL QUESTIONS CANNOT BE TIED INTO
ECONOMIC AFFAIRS."
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